

2nd Grade Scoop

Oct. 28– Nov. 1, 2013

Mrs. Spielmann

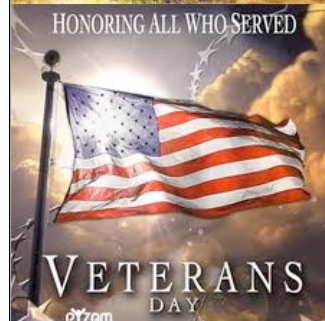
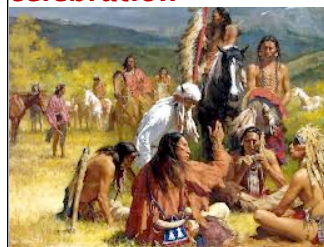
West Central Elementary

Character Education

The Character Education word for October is: Respect. Respect is following the Golden Rule. There are great benefits for treating others with respect. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about saying thanks and Native Americans. Vocabulary Words: veterans, Native Americans, celebration



Math

This week we will be working with shapes, blocks, and symmetry. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:

- *Study spelling words
- *Read for 20 minutes every night
- *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction
- *Practice writing short stories
- *Practice fluency sheets
- *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards.

The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair"

Spelling

The students are working on spelling review, long i, ie, igh, ar, oa, and ow. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.



Dates to Remember:

October 29 – Picture Retakes and Report Cards go home
October 31 – Halloween Party – 2:15
November 5 – Bookmobile

Phonics & Grammar

*Informational Text., and connect prior knowledge
Reading:
Read Aloud Anthology
"On the Job at the Fire Station"

Guided Reading Groups:
Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, realistic fiction, and author's purpose.
Independent Reading and A.R. Tests
Encourage your child to read & practice math facts each night. This is a very powerful habit that pays off in the long run. These are skills they need to know.

Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: understand, lose, idea, caught, coming, enough, learn, clear, though, ago

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: hazard, efficient, instantly, drench, instantly, priorities, minor

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"Soccer Feet" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"My Bike" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it. listening listening to it.

Oct./Nov. Snacks

28 - Sydney

29 - Trevin

30 - Aerial

31 - Mrs. S.

1 - Mrs. S. &

Taylor

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Our class Halloween party will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 2:15 p.m. The room parents that signed up for the party are: Emily Berg- 261-7294; Janelle/Corey Johnson - 201-5786; Shelly Price - 933-0020. The chairperson is: Emily Berg. She will contact the other room parents to help plan the party. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us! Remember: no scary costumes will be permitted! If any other parents would like to help, just let me know and I will include you! Thank you!

Quotes of the Week-

"Resolve to read each day! It will make itself felt throughout your life!" Mann

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!" Senge

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